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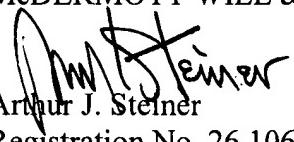
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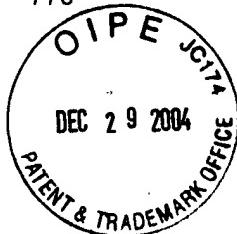

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Head actuator assembly for a tape drive

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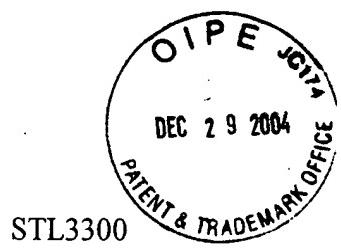
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A HEAD ACTUATOR ASSEMBLY FOR A TAPE DRIVE

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[01] The present application claimed priority to provisional application 60/444,115, filed on January 30, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[02] The present invention relates to the field of tape drives, and more particularly, to the head actuator assembly for a tape drive.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[03] A tape drive head assembly generally comprises three main components: a magnetic read/write head, a movable carriage supporting the head, and a flexible circuit electrically connected to the head. The flexible circuit includes a fine positioner loop and a coarse positioner loop. A flexible printed circuit provides communication between the main control circuitry of the tape drive and the head positioning apparatus. Generally, a voice coil serves as an actuator for the fine positioner.

[04] Magnetic tape data storage devices, or tape drives, are used for storing large quantities of computer data. As storage capacities of tape drives increase, the overall performance and structural integrity of the drives needs to improve. One of the areas needing improvement is found in the performance of the head positioning system.

[05] Lateral motion at the read/write head needs to be controlled within a few micrometers in order to achieve a LTO (linear tape open) cartridge capacity of 400 GB, for example. Conventional techniques of controlling this lateral motion include a camming arrangement between a pivoting beam structure and the head structure that translates a rotational motion into a linear motion of the head traverse. The fine positioner prime mover is a rotary voice